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EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

The only game in First Division today of major importance is at Surrey Park, where Box Hill fight out the relegation issue with Prahran. Defeat means relegation to either side while a draw will save Prahran. The Como Park side looked safe until last week, when they lost to South Yarra for the second time this season. Box Hill, who were two points in arrears and looked certainties for relegation, rather unexpectedly defeated Brighton at Surrey Park.

Whatever the result the game of soccer will suffer, for it means that another of Victoria's oldest district clubs will drop out of the major competition — a fact which is causing thinking people much concern.

The plain fact is that there is not this season one local club which can be classed as a worthy First Division side and officials — both Association and Club — are beginning to take note. The happy days of a few years ago when club officials merely waited for another boat to dock to sign up a few new players are past and gone. Ships are still arriving and so are migrants, but few of them can be classed as good soccer players.

Players who have been "stars" for years are dying on their feet and clubs who rely on "pinching" players during the off season are dying with them. At last the day of the "local juniors" has arrived for in these youngsters lies the only salvation of the game in Victoria. Clubs with junior teams are turning to these boys to fill the ranks in the future, and at some are looking also for coaches to train them in modern methods. As a result applications to attend V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Len Young's new series of coaching classes are flocking in. Clubs neglecting to send men to these classes can safely count themselves as "down and nearly out", for within two to three years the results of this coaching will become only too apparent and the clubs who have taken advantage of the scheme will undoubtedly be gaining ground rapidly.

Shortage of juniors is no longer a valid reason for clubs to refuse to run junior teams. In practically every district in Melbourne there is now at least one School where soccer is played and clubs who are genuinely interested in fostering juniors will be put in touch with such Schools if application is made to the V.A.S.F.A. As instances we find the Prahran Club encouraging Prahran Technical School while nearby South Yarra is

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approaching the Richmond Technical School. Brighton Club contacts both Brighton and Oakleigh Technical Schools, and Box Hill has a working arrangement with both Box Hill Tech. and High Schools. This year bigger gains have been made in Melbourne Schools than ever before.

If you are worried about the future of your club, bring your troubles to the Association and information will be supplied.

Reports from Brisbane of Australia's defeat of the Kiwi's in the Second Test Match indicate that the hard Queensland grounds did not suit the visitors any more than they suited Victoria last year. A feature of the match was the high kicking which was absent from the New Zealanders' game in Melbourne. With the score at one game each, the Sydney Test should be a good draw.

Next week sees the Dockerty Cup first semi-final between Footscray City and Juventus. This year semi-finals and final are being played at Tooruk Park owing to Olympic Park not being available.

For those fans who are unfamiliar with Tooruk Park, this ground can be reached by tram 6 or 7 to Orrong Rd., or train to Armadale Station, while the Brighton bus to the City passes the ground.

V.A.S.F.A. SUMMER COACHING SCHEME

This year, unlike previous ones in Victoria, players and club coaches will have the opportunity to continue to learn the finer points of soccer at a series of coaching classes arranged by the V.A.S.F.A. Coaching Committee and run by Coach, Len Young.

Considerable thought has been given to this matter, not only by members of the Committee, but also by Len Young himself, and it is hoped that every phase and section of the game has been covered.

In the first place the second series of coaching classes for "Coaches" conducted by Len Young, will commence on Monday, September 20, and Wednesday, September 22, and will continue each Monday and Wednesday. Applicants can state their preference regarding either day. These classes will be conducted at Fitzroy Town Hall, as were the previous series.

Intending applicants are advised to get their applications in AT ONCE as there is likely to be a heavy list. Classes will last for 18 weeks.

Senior players (over 17 years) will also be catered for and a series of classes will be held at Albert Park on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m., commencing on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5. Players will be coached in both practice and theory.

Schoolboys and junior players from clubs (under the age of 17 years) will have a class of their own on THURSDAY evenings at Albert Park from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m., commencing on Thursday, October 7, while on Saturday mornings junior classes will also be held by Len Young, commencing on Saturday, October 2, at Albert Park. Details of these classes will be found in separate sections in this issue of "Soccer News".

We stress one point — get your applications in early as the numbers in each class must be limited and latecomers may miss out.

It will be seen from all this that the V.A.S.F.A. is fully aware of the urgent necessity of improving the standard of play in Victoria. If anyone can do this for us it is Len Young. If you are anxious to improve your game and that of your club, take advantage of this offer for it is the best thing which has happened in Victorian soccer for years.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

OUT OF DATE

I note that one writer, identity unknown, has suggested that I watch a few minor games in order to bring me up to date on soccer here. My only answer is that he is quite right, but having agreed to appear every week at what is considered to be "the match of the day", I must fulfil my obligations. Not that I have any illusions about the standard of minor soccer in Victoria.

University work takes up Saturday mornings, on Sundays I do not care to watch, so readers, you will have to bear with anything appearing to come from the dim past.

MATCH OF THE DAY

The Box Hill v. Prahran game must assuredly take that title among followers of the game who go along to a match that has anything on the end of it. Everything else being cut and dried, this match now becomes a gladiatorial contest — and who will fall? I am now looking to Box Hill to save their bacon as they are in the box seat, even a draw being good enough for them. A win for Prahran will save the faces of those who have already commiserated with Box Hill being relegated!

Soccer would be a dull game sometimes if the unexpected did not crop up occasionally.

TOO NEAR TO THE SHOW

There has been plenty of criticism of grounds not being well enough grassed. The Showgrounds has gone too far in the opposite direction. Players in the game last Saturday were repeatedly catching their studs, so long was the grass.

ADVICE UNHEEDED

It was by accident that I overheard Skipper Arthur Robbins give his final directions to the team on Saturday. His opening remarks were: "Do not argue with the referee. What he says goes."

These wise words went unheeded by one player who played a good game, as not long after the kick-off he was recorded in the little black book for that very misdemeanour.

THE LAST LAUGH?

Have the selectors in N.S.W. the last laugh over us? The answer is probably that at least seven of the team that decisively beat New Zealand in the Second Test were familiar with each others strength and weaknesses. For the same reason Arsenal, despite a poor start to this season, may do just

SUMMER SOCCER COACHING FOR BOYS

A series of Summer Soccer Coaching Classes for Schoolboys and juniors will be held on Thursday evenings, commencing Thursday, October 7, at Albert Park. Classes will be from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and all boys must be under the age of 17.

Applications, which must be in writing, should be sent either through the School Teacher in charge of the Soccer Team, or direct to the Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A., Mr. S. Beaton, 737 Malvern Road, Toorak, S.E.2. Phone BJ 3557. Applications will be considered from schoolboys and also from club juniors.

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as well against the Russians in a few weeks hence as an England side, unless the national eleven had played together before.

FOOTSCRAY STILL IN THE RUNNING

Do not get the idea that Juventus have an easy passage to the final. Footscray City were full of fight at the finish on Saturday, despite a real battering after Boz had added the final goal for the home team.

They have a stout defence, with goalkeeper Vladimiro outstanding as the last link. From the concerted appeal by the entire Footscray defence against the first goal, he might even have been able to save that one.

Mr. Nicholson was right up in the goalmouth and was certainly of the opinion that Vivoli did not do a little bit of back jumping to head the first goal. Such an action, even if it did happen, is often done without thinking, and there is a fifty-fifty chance of it coming off, because the pair of shoulders that has given the necessary help might well belong to a team-mate. It was ironical that Vivoli was penalised for just that offence a short while afterwards. Once again it was Bassi that put the ball across served up on a plate, or should I have said pate?

Sabadussi is one of the most accurate kickers in the League: not of big build for a full-back, his timing is so good that he rarely muffs a clearance. Costa enjoys his game to the full, and on one occasion actually passed back to his forwards.

As there was not a very large crowd, those that were there were very partisan. Theatrical nosedives after legitimate tackles that took the ball away led the crowd to expect free-kicks on every occasion. Solid hard tackling, but still playing the ball, is one of the reasons that soccer is played in boots.

Benini, who has scored a crop of goals this season, was right off the target, and repeatedly skied his shots over the bar when in a scoring position. As Plateo was injured for a large part of the game, Juventus lost their thrust from the wings, and will need to regain it before the next round, as it is their trump card.

Juventus were wise to change into their second strip. The Reserves did not do so in the preceding game, and the blue and white stripes were not readily distinguishable from the black and white.

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CORNER KICKS

By KEVIN LOTT

NIGHT SOCCER

As the summer months approach, more and more members of the genus "Night Soccer Player" can be seen emerging from their dens in which they have spent their yearly period of hibernation.

This breed, together with a closely allied parasitic creature known as "Night Soccer Fan", spend the summer months in periodical worship of their god "Soccer", from which practice is derived the names of both species.

However, the manner of worship indulged in by both tribes is vastly different. The "fan" being already pointed out a parasitic creature, seems quite content to sit in comparative comfort sipping refreshing nectars and smoking a strange herb known as "tobacco", while his more active cousins apply themselves with great vigour to the medium of their religion — a small sphere of leather.

Indeed, so energetic is the "player" in the practice of his religion, that he willingly remains for long periods of time under the scorching glare of the many torches (for without it, it seems the ceremonies cannot be carried out), and is even willing to suffer broken bones, and other indignities in honour of his god.

A strange feature of this religion is apparent to the casual observer almost immediately. This being the law which allows members of the genus "Fan" to call forth great abuse upon the heads of any or all of the "Players", even though they are not personally acquainted with that one whom they are castigating.

However, no offence is taken (often) and apart from casual displays of the fistic art, most ceremonies are concluded in peace.

WHY NOT free passes to all big games for registered juniors under 18 years of age?

Considering the high cost of gear these days it might make a difference to our junior ranks if this suggestion were brought to the notice of the people in control.

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AUSTRALIA WON the Second Test in Brisbane last Saturday by four goals to one.

One feature is apparent to the onlooker who thought that the selectors had blundered in selecting players who represented this country 10 years ago.

The team played as a team and not as individuals, as is a feature when players are together for the first time.

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THE PREMIERSHIP won by Juventus has little interest for clubs out of the relegation zone.

Let's cast our eyes down the ladder and take a quick look at the battlers.

South Yarra doomed for relegation, Prahran and Box Hill fighting desperately to remain amongst the top-liners.

The game of the week should come from these two sides who will be playing top soccer in an effort to save themselves from Second Division football.

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THEN THERE was the pretty young thing who walked into a

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CENTRAL GIPPSLAND SCHOOLBOY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

By TOM EVANS

Last Saturday saw the completion of all League games, also two of the three Cups. You will note that our strongest division is the Under 12 Division — this is its second year of operations. I would say its the best thing we ever did for soccer. These boys are very keen, many are under 10 years of age; already quite a few of them are outstanding.

Unfortunately we are not doing so well in the older divisions, as League charts show. We are hoping that Under 12 boys will eventually build those up.

I would like to comment on the situation generally. Senior soccer, through the Latrobe Valley Association, is seemingly spreading out, and indeed it should, because this area has big possibilities, with its huge building and construction programme, is bringing in many thousands of population, and needless to say, mostly soccer-minded. Where there is talk of new teams already for 1955 season in senior (L.V.S.A.) there is little or nothing for new school teams, and not for the lack of boys. The trouble is to get a few seniors interested enough to put in some effort, which would pay off a great reward in keeping the game moving upward. Instead as some teams I can name who must deteriorate with age, Moe and Yallourn, are the only teams in the Latrobe Valley Association who sponsor schoolboy and junior teams.

I don't mean to detract from the Latrobe Valley Association and the good work they are endeavouring to do, but they can never be termed established until there are as many, and more school and junior teams, as seniors.

Many people in this area appear to think they are already established. How soon that will be depends on the efforts to get their schoolboys out, and now is the time.

CENTRAL GIPPSLAND SCHOOLBOY LEAGUE TABLES

(Final League Charts for 1954 season)

UNDER 16 DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Moe	8	6	2	0	24	10	12
Yallourn	8	5	3	0	15	20	10
Newborough	8	1	7	0	11	22	2

UNDER 15 DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Yallourn	12	8	2	2	27	11	18
Moe	12	7	3	2	19	14	16
Traralgon	12	6	5	1	11	19	13
Newborough	12	0	11	1	2	15	1

UNDER 12 DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Yallourn Rangers	15	15	0	0	16	3	30
Moe	14	7	2	5	22	8	19
Newborough	16	6	7	3	31	27	15
Yall. St. Theresas	16	5	7	4	28	17	14
Yall. Methodists	16	3	9	4	12	49	10
Hernes Oak	12	2	10	0	4	42	4
Tobruk State School, Morwell	6	1	5	0	4	11	2

Corner Kicks — Continued

City sports store and asked for a soccer ball.

"I don't know a thing about soccer," she said, "but I just have to learn. My boss told me if I'd play ball with him he would buy me a mink."

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DAVE STODDART has taken up golf; he told me his lowest score was 128. When I commented how good I thought it was for a novice, he told me he would improve on the next two holes.

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THE "ARGUS" best and fairest award should go to Morrie Paine, of South Yarra, who is leading Syd Thomas, of Hakoah, by two points.

With one round to be played, Thomas would have to score three votes and Paine nil for him to lose it.

LATROBE VALLEY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

R.A.A.F. FOR FINAL

In the replayed Shield semi-final, R.A.A.F., after a hard battle, plus a little luck, won their way into the final of the "Advertiser" Shield by defeating Traralgon Tigers by the odd goal.

For the "Fliers" Buttons was the match winner and best on the ground, his beautiful shot for goal was turned past the post by a Tigers defender; his spot kick was also a beauty, and gave Messery no chance. The Tigers forwards missed two open goals, but good defensive play kept play mid-field most of the game.

In the League games leaders, Morwell, outclassed last season's champions, A.P.M. These teams met again on Saturday in the semi-final of "Battle of Britain" Cup, and A.P.M. will no doubt try to repeat their performance against Yallourn. Lose one Saturday and reverse the result the following Saturday. At Sale, Yallourn defeated the home team and move up from sixth to fourth place. Sale are doomed for the "wooden spoon".

Results, Saturday, August 21: Shield replay, R.A.A.F. (1) v. Tigers (nil), at Morwell. League games: A.P.M. (nil) v. Morwell (5); Sale United (nil) v. Yallourn (4).

News in the Valley that a visit from the Colts has been promised is indeed gratifying. All followers of the game here will certainly "talk" after they have seen these lads in action.

We are hoping other teams will give us a visit also.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Morwell	14	11	2	1	35	7	24
Moe United	14	8	2	4	43	17	18
Tigers	14	5	6	3	22	25	16
Yallourn	14	6	1	7	27	30	13
A.P.M.	15	5	2	8	21	39	12
R.A.A.F.	14	3	5	6	23	30	11
Sale	15	2	2	11	20	42	6

(Our apologies that this was not included last week, but it arrived late owing to our mail being stolen from the box.—Editor.)

"BATTLE OF BRITAIN" CUP — SEMI-FINALS

Last year's winners, A.P.M., failed to appear at Yallourn for their match v. Morwell. The Morwell team stripped, took the field, and were awarded the tie. At Morwell, Moe United and Yallourn drew in what was generally accepted as a poor and scrappy game. Down 1-0 at half-time, Moe put everything they had (with no beg pardons) into the second half and with wild kicks and rushes, gave the Yallourn defence a hectic time and finally equalised when R. Young slammed one in from close range. Cox was solid in defence for Yallourn, while Alexander and Church, full-backs for Moe, frustrated several attacks from the Yallourn right-wing. Results: Yallourn (1) v. Moe United (1). Morwell won by default from A.P.M.

The replay will take place at Yallourn on Saturday, October 4. Morwell will play Tigers in a League fixture at Morwell. As A.P.M. (with 36

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

DO OR DIE STRUGGLE

With the First Division championship already decided, attention is focussed on the battle for survival at the other end of the ladder. The loser of today's Prahran-Box Hill game will accompany South Yarra into the Second Division next season. I wouldn't like to predict the winner of a game with so much at stake as both teams are sure to fight tooth and nail until the final whistle.

It is unfortunate that one of them have to be relegated, Prahran because they are one of the oldest clubs in the competition, and Box Hill because of their extensive promotion of junior soccer in the district. Perhaps the only consolation to the losers will be the thought of having a few more wins next year than experienced over the last few months.

DON'T BELIEVE ALL YOU HEAR

Any truth in the rumours that Australian International, Angus Drennan, will be retiring at the end of the season have been well and truly denied by Angus himself, who says he will be on the soccer field for awhile yet. Always keeping himself fit, Angus has been an ornament to local soccer, and there is no reason why he should not be a force for a few more years.

LET'S FACE IT

"The standard of local soccer has slipped over the last season." How often have you heard that remark this year? When you stop and think, other than perhaps Harry Rice, no new top players have appeared on the scene and Harry is in the over thirty class. Where are the juniors to take the place of players like Jack, Barr, Zakomarek and Zblocki?

We look towards the Colts with a team of supposedly promising local talent, and the result is disappointing. The salvation of local soccer will probably take place when Len Young's long term policies begin to bear fruit. Until then it looks like the old brigade will have to carry on.

RETURN TO FORMER GLORY

Wanted — first-class coach with experience and ability to take charge of a First Division team next season. Believe this is one of the positions vacant south of the Yarra. The aim is to return the club to its former position as one of the top combinations in Victoria.

INTERNATIONAL LAIDLAW WORLD CUP

The two semi-finals of the International Laidlaw World Cup will take place at Toorak Park, Prahran, on Sunday (tomorrow), September 5, 1954. Australia will play Czechoslovakia at 1.30 p.m., and Poland v. Italy at 3 p.m.

Australian team: The Australian team will be selected from the following players, who are asked to report to the dressing-room at 12.45 p.m.:—J. Shepherd (South Yarra), Doherty, Petherick (Sunshine United); Corrie, McLeod (Park Rangers); Scott, Wilson, Drennan, Lott, McKenzie (Brighton), Thomas, Johnson (Polonia); James, Murray, Denny, Hathaway, Borlace (South Melbourne United).

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Soccer Coaching

The thirteenth of a series of articles by the V.A.S.F.A. Official Coach.

GAME CONDITIONINGS (Continued)

The conditioning I intend to discuss this week is, in my opinion, easily one of the most important of them all, and perhaps, the hardest of all to coach. It is commonly known as "Calling", and it has been maligned more than any other portion in the build up of the soccer game — to my knowledge, anyhow.

In fact, it is not so many years ago that players of both junior and senior standards in England, who gave each other certain advice on the field of play, were severely censured by schoolmasters, sports writers, and referees.

The remarks made by these gentlemen were quite understandable, after all, respectively their interests were: (1) Promotion of a very popular game; (2) publicity; and (3) to see that the rules governing soccer were faithfully adhered to. It certainly was not their job to analyse the game — take it to pieces to see what makes it tick.

However, it was the responsibility of the Football Association to do just this, and ultimately a letter was sent to those concerned by this body containing an explanation as to WHY "good calling" by a team must not be penalised, and also what constituted "bad calling", which should be dealt with as: (1) Violence of the tongue, a penal offence; or, (2) ungentlemanly conduct, a less serious offence.

Let me deal with "good calling" first. Many times during a game a player in possession of the ball, has lost sight of his team-mates temporarily — it may have been through any one of a variety of reasons. He may have chased a long ball and left his colleagues behind in the race, or perhaps gone into a tackle successfully, but is still hampered by opponent(s). "Should he be left to fight a lone battle?" A defender, perhaps, facing his own goal with opponents closing in behind him, "must he struggle to get the ball away from the danger zone by himself?" A goalkeeper sees his centre-half about to attempt a difficult clearance in the goal area, "should he stand with hands idle or do the obvious thing and chance a collision with his own team-mate?"

These, and many others too numerous to mention, leap to my mind, and the answer, of course, is: Soccer is a "team game" and the boy scouts' motto — "Each for all and all for one" — should be every team's one also. Calling, after all, is merely an indication that help is at hand for any player should he need it. Players, other than goalkeepers making a call, must be definite by naming a player, shouts such as "right" or "my ball", etc., are liable to cause confusion in the minds of opponents, and lead to a decision of ungentlemanly conduct by the referee. A goalie should get into the habit of calling his position when advancing for the ball, particularly if opponents are nearby. A clear shout of "goalie" indicates to both his own, and oppos-

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ing players, just who is challenging for the ball. A coach can go a long way towards getting the ideal of calling by conditioning a game so that players must call to a colleague in possession. It is important that he should join in the game himself and illustrate by example how it can improve the game tremendously, make it so much easier to play, and, of course, to those that have seen the world's best in action, the ultimate result is beautiful to watch.

A word here as to how representative teams are chosen at home might be interesting. An expert watches some individual who is a "possible" and he does not take any notice of the obvious attribute of a good player such as his kicking, ball control, speed or stamina. Rather, what does the player do when he hasn't the ball. "Does he continually move into positions where he can be of assistance to his colleagues, and is he calling for the ball?" If he is, then it shows the expert that the player has confidence in his own ability to do something useful with the ball, and that he is using his brains.

In other words, the player then has only to show that he has the skills ability befitting the standard of play he will probably be chosen for, an he is "IN".

Latrobe Valley Association — Continued

players signed) have lost their secretary it would appear the club has folded up. Action will be taken against this club by the Association. Information has already been received from a section of the club to form a new club at Morwell for next season.

Officials from the intending Leongatha Club visited Morwell and two of the players signed and will play for Morwell in the remaining games this season. One of the players has plenty of football sense plus ability and looks like a candidate for the representative team, assuming the Association gets some games. We are still wondering what is going to happen to the revived Carrick Cup.—Frank McIver, Hon. Secretary.

SATURDAY MORNING SOCCER COACHING FOR BOYS

A series of Junior Soccer Coaching Classes for Junior Players will be held on Saturday mornings at Albert Park, commencing on Saturday, October 2, for players under the age of 17 years. Applications must be in writing addressed to the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association Secretary, Mr. S. Beaton, 737 Malvern Road, Toorak, S.E.2 Phone BJ 3557. Applications will be considered from schoolboys and also from juniors.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

FOOTSCRAY CITY

When the eight clubs to sponsor teams for the summer "night soccer" competition are finally selected I hope to see Footscray City amongst those chosen. Few clubs have so strong a claim for consideration; certainly not all of those suggested in "Soccer News" last week. In fairness, should South Melbourne, lying sixth in the Second Division, be given preference over a First Division Dockerty Cup semi-finalist?

Footscray is centre of an area of over 30 districts, representing the claims of nine soccer clubs. These are: Sunshine City, Sunshine United (Second Division), Williamstown (Third Division), I.C.I., Maribyrnong (Fourth Division), St. Albans, Bayswater, Werribee (Reserve League), and Footscray City itself. Footscray's 50,000 population, predominantly "footie" fans, are becoming increasingly soccer conscious, and when the "bulldogs" are not playing attention is focussed on the local soccer team. Participation in the summer competition would give soccer a chance to gain a really strong foothold in Footscray, possibly Melbourne's largest suburb.—Colin.

UPPER YARRA DAM

Once again we have brought another season to a successful conclusion. Many members will doubt my "Successful" statement, as we did not gain, as we had hoped, promotion to the Third Division. As a team, maybe we did not do as well as we had hoped, but as a club we certainly prospered. At the time of writing, our Ball and Dinner have yet to be enjoyed, and I am sure they will be a huge success. I am sure the members of the club will join me in thanking the members of our committee once again for a grand job very well handled. President Cyril Yorston, in his second successive year, led the club in the right direction and has the whole club behind him. Assistant Secretary Ken Dawson must accept my personal thanks for taking over all secretarial duties for some months, whilst I was indisposed owing to an accident. Vice-President Angus McKay, in his first year, capably handled his committee duties, as well as being a member of the team. Treasurer Guy Maiorano, also in his first year, proved that bookkeeping and figures are no strangers to him, and will be very happy at the healthy state of the funds. Our Social Secretary Mrs. Phyllis Yorston, and her small band of ladies must get a special vote of appreciation for the grand job they have done this year, as all visiting teams will know. Our heartiest congratulations go to both Wilhelmina and Maribyrnong on their promotion and I may say that we are determined to follow them next year. Roll on 1955.—Tom Davis.

SUMMER SOCCER COACHING SCHEME FOR SENIOR PLAYERS.

Summer Soccer Coaching Classes for Senior Players from the age of 17 upwards, will be held on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. at Albert Park, comencing on Tuesday, October 5, at 6 p.m. Applications to attend these Classes must be in writing and must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association, Mr. S. Beaton, 737 Malvern Road, Toorak, S.E.2. Phone BJ 3557.

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COACHING COMMITTEE

A second series of Soccer Coaching Classes conducted by the V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Len Young, will commence on Monday, September 20, and Wednesday, September 22.

Applications to join these classes will close on Wednesday, September 15, and no applications will be accepted after this date. Applicants should state which night will be most suitable to them.

All applications must be addressed to the V.A.S.F.A. Secretary, Mr. S. Beaton, 737 Malvern Road, Toorak, S.E.2. Phone BJ 3557. Classes will be conducted at the Fitzroy Town Hall at 7.30 p.m. Applications are invited from Clubs wishing to nominate members for Coaching Classes, but personal individual applications will also be considered.

N. ROTHFIELD, Chairman,
Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Assoc. Coaching Committee.

Our Cover

Members of Footscray Technical School team with the Dunkling Shield after it had been presented to them by the President, Mr. E. B. Coles, at the Showgrounds. Game was the curtain-raiser to the New Zealand-Australian Test Match.

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RESULTS OF NEW ZEALAND TOUR TO DATE

N.Z. 3, S.A. 2; N.Z. 3, Australia XI 1; N.Z. 2, Victoria 3; N.Z. 2, Australia 1 (First Test); N.Z. 0, Granville District (N.S.W.) 3; N.Z. 4, N.S.W. 1; N.Z. 2, Queensland 4; N.Z. 1, Australia 4 (Second Test).

See the Game of the Week—

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
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V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

DOCKERTY CUP

On Monday, August 30, 1954, following previous notice of motion, Council resolved that if required extra time will be played in the Dockerty Cup semi-finals and final for season 1954.

This ruling is not binding for future seasons and is due to the difficulty of securing an enclosed ground this season.

—S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—I hasten to disassociate the Oakleigh Junior Technical School from any complaints regarding the eligibility of a Footscray player in the final of the Dunkling Shield competition. All members of the Oakleigh team were informed of the Under 18 age rule before the series began, and in one instance written permission was obtained from a boy's parents authorising his selection in the final team. The game was thoroughly enjoyed by the players who voted it the best game of the year. On behalf of the team I wish to congratulate the winners on their sporting game, and the V.A.S.F.A. for the outstanding manner in which the final series was organised, conducted and refereed.—Yours faithfully, F. O'Bryan, Instructor in Charge, Oakleigh Technical School.

114 Page Street,
Albert Park, S.C.6.

Dear Sir,—While listening to the "Spotlight on Soccer" on Friday night, August 30, a former player stated that "striking a referee" was a "trivial offence". As a follower of soccer for more than 40 years I considered the incident as one of the worst I have ever seen.—Yours, etc., Mrs. D. Guthrie.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the boys of Caulfield Tech. on their win in final of School soccer. Saw one lad so keyed up he had tears in his eyes.

CARDS AND HOOKEY are becoming popular around some clubs. Pity time wasn't spent training.

MORRIE PAYNE, who has made a comeback to soccer, is leading in "Argus" award. Keep it up, boy!

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1954.

UNDER 20 LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	15	13	1	1	51	13	27
Footscray City	15	12	0	3	59	18	24
Juventus	14	9	1	4	47	16	19
Brighton	16	9	0	7	37	32	18
Sunshine City	15	8	1	6	24	22	17
Polonia	14	8	1	5	45	29	17
Hakoah	14	5	2	7	31	31	12
Box Hill	15	5	2	8	22	42	12
Frankston	15	3	0	12	16	52	6
Preston	16	3	0	13	15	86	6
Pascoe Vale	17	4	0	13	21	39	

(Pascoe Vale have withdrawn.)

UNDER 17 LEAGUE

Brighton	16	15	1	0	55	7	31
St. Kilda	16	11	2	3	44	15	24
Sunshine City	16	11	2	3	39	15	24
Prahran	16	7	2	7	47	28	16
Pascoe Vale	16	6	4	6	33	35	16
Box Hill	16	6	3	7	17	30	15
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	16	6	1	9	30	39	13
Sunshine United "A"	16	3	3	10	12	32	9
Moorabbin "A"	16	3	2	11	30	48	8
Moorabbin "B"	14	1	0	13	2	57	2

UNDER 15 LEAGUE

Sunshine United	19	15	3	1	81	15	33
Preston	19	16	1	2	52	12	33
Box Hill	18	12	2	4	37	9	26
Sunshine City	19	10	3	6	45	29	23
Essendon "A"	18	10	3	4	40	13	23
Brighton	19	10	1	8	31	64	21
Pascoe Vale	19	9	2	8	21	41	20
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	19	8	0	11	6	58	14
Moorabbin	19	5	2	12	19	56	12
Park Rangers	17	3	1	13	7	32	7
Essendon "B"	19	2	0	18	3	18	2

UNDER 14 LEAGUE

Brighton "A"	19	18	0	1	65	7	36
Box Hill "A"	19	17	0	2	105	14	34
Prahran	16	15	0	1	113	15	30
Moorabbin	19	11	2	6	56	19	24
Sunshine City	17	8	2	7	19	29	18
Brighton "B"	15	6	3	6	13	25	15
South Melb. United	18	7	0	11	37	51	14
Hakoah	18	6	2	10	28	45	14
Fairfield	19	5	0	14	21	130	10
Park Rangers	14	4	1	9	21	54	9
Box Hill "B"	12	1	0	11	4	42	2
Williamstown	14	0	0	14	1	26	0

TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER

(End-of-Season Tables)

NORTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Footscray	10	10	0	0	54	4	20
Preston	10	7	1	2	25	14	15
Box Hill	10	5	1	4	19	24	11
Collingwood	10	3	1	6	14	35	7
Swinburne	10	1	2	7	5	17	4
South Melbourne	10	1	1	8	9	32	3

SOUTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caulfield	10	10	0	0	45	9	20
Oakleigh	10	8	0	2	67	17	16
Brighton	10	3	2	5	29	35	8
Sandringham	10	1	3	4	26	45	7
Richmond	10	1	4	5	16	33	6
Prahran	10	0	3	7	11	53	3

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT AUGUST 30, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	17	12	5	0	51	17	29
Hakoah	16	12	1	3	68	32	25
Polonia	16	7	5	4	31	20	19
J.U.S.T.	16	8	2	6	43	36	18
Brighton	16	8	2	6	40	34	18
Moreland	16	7	1	8	40	39	15
Footscray City	16	7	0	9	32	43	14
Box Hill	17	5	0	12	37	60	10
Prahran	17	4	2	11	24	46	10
South Yarra	17	2	2	13	27	66	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	17	13	3	1	53	22	29
Yallourn	17	11	5	1	52	15	27
Sunshine City	17	10	2	5	36	29	22
Park Rangers	17	9	2	6	40	46	20
South Melbourne	17	8	2	7	41	37	18
Maccabi	17	8	2	7	47	45	18
Preston	17	5	2	10	20	28	12
Geelong	17	3	3	9	25	41	11
White Eagles	17	4	0	13	27	50	8
Sunshine United	17	1	3	13	12	46	5

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	18	15	1	2	70	18	31
F.N.D.	18	15	1	2	57	22	31
Hellenic	17	14	1	2	71	31	29
Sandringham City	17	7	4	6	42	32	18
Dandenong Rovers	18	7	1	10	39	47	15
Moorabbin City	18	6	2	10	38	53	14
Frankston	18	4	4	10	27	51	12
Williamstown	18	4	2	12	31	52	10
Coburg	18	3	4	11	18	59	10
Fairfield	18	2	4	12	14	49	8

Sandringham City v. Hellenic to be played 1/9/54.

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	18	16	1	1	80	15	33
Maribyrnong	18	13	3	2	55	18	29
Ukrainia	18	11	2	5	46	25	24
I.C.I.	18	10	2	6	43	29	22
Upper Yarra Dam	17	9	5	4	48	25	21
University	17	6	1	10	20	73	13
Heidelberg	18	3	1	12	23	71	11
Victorian Colts	7	5	0	2	29	10	10
Nunawading	18	2	1	15	9	72	7

NOTE: Third Reserves, Fourth Reserves and Provisional League, as for 21/8/54. These Leagues are completed.

—S. Beaton, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT AUGUST 30, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

Juventus	17	14	0	3	63	19	28
South Yarra	17	13	1	3	40	22	27
Polonia	16	12	1	3	48	16	25
Brighton	17	8	4	5	34	31	20
Box Hill	16	8	2	6	37	27	18
Footscray City	17	6	2	9	45	48	14
Hakoah	17	5	3	8	29	50	13
J.U.S.T.	17	4	2	11	26	54	10
Moreland	15	2	2	11	26	46	6
Prahran	16	1	3	12	26	58	5

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	17	14	2	1	56	9	30
Sth. Melb. United	17	13	2	2	56	12	28
Sunshine City	17	10	3	4	51	15	23
Geelong	17	9	2	6	19	16	20
Park Rangers	17	7	4	6	27	34	18
Yallourn	17	7	3	7	25	26	17
Preston	17	5	3	9	19	40	13
Sunshine United	17	3	5	9	18	48	11
Maccabi	17	4	0	13	11	78	8
White Eagles	17	0	2	15	9	22	2

THIRD DIVISION

Astor	18	15	1	2	79	18	31
Hellenic	18	14	0	4	56	17	28
Williamstown	18	13	2	3	57	24	28
Slavia	18	14	0	4	59	27	28
Dandenong	18	9	0	9	41	22	18
Sandringham City	18	8	1	0	98	39	17
Coburg	18	4	2	12	10	36	10
Moorabbin City	18	4	2	12	17	93	10
Union Jack	18	4	0	14	23	59	8
Fairfield	18	0	0	18	10	61	0

League completed.

FOURTH DIVISION

St. Albans	18	16	2	0	119	21	34
Bayswater	18	15	1	2	84	19	31
St. Kilda	18	11	1	6	37	26	23
Wilhelmina	18	8	2	8	60	48	18
Werribee	18	9	0	9	37	31	18
University	18	8	0	10	23	82	16
Maribyrnong	18	5	0	13	21	33	10
Heidelberg	18	4	1	13	29	65	9
I.C.I.	18	4	1	13	17	48	9
Nunawading	18	4	0	14	12	66	8

League completed.

Provisional League

South Yarra	10	7	2	1	40	17	16
Croatia	10	5	2	3	34	20	12
B.W.R.	10	5	2	3	37	24	12
Box Hill	10	5	0	5	15	34	10
Brighton	10	4	0	6	17	20	8
Ukraine	10	1	0	9	5	35	2

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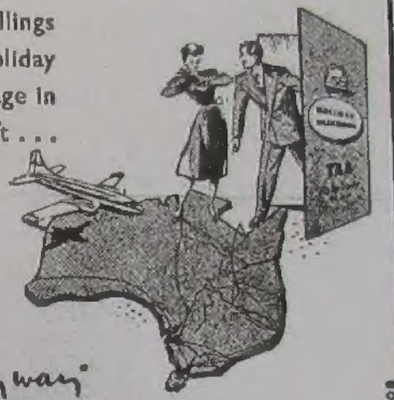

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